



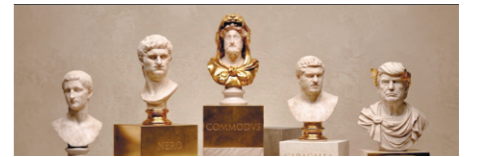
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Trump issues threat ahead of talks with Iran

Tehran split over continuation of talks; Netanyahu hopes they fail and war resumes

Analysis Amos Harel

The United States has once again dispatched a senior delegation to Pakistan for the second time for another round of negotiations with Iran on a permanent cease-fire in the Gulf war. Vice President JD Vance is heading the delegation. Meanwhile, over the course of Monday, Iran sent out conflicting messages on whether it would send a team to the talks in Islamabad, the Pakistani capital. It appears that a power struggle is underway in Tehran over whether to continue the talks.

U.S. President Donald Trump's ultimatum to the Iranians is due to expire Tuesday night, although it is likely that he will extend his deadline. Trump told The New York Post on Monday that he would be interested in meeting Iranian leaders if the negotiations succeeded. "We're supposed to have the talks," Trump said. "So I would assume at this point nobody's playing games." He added that "I have no problem meeting them." Asked what would happen if the negotiations collapsed, he responded, "You can imagine. It wouldn't be pretty."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu continues to indicate that he expects the talks to collapse and for the war to resume, which is the preferred scenario in his eyes. At a joint press conference earlier this week with visiting Argentinian President Javier Milei, Netanyahu said, "It's not over yet... any moment could bring us new developments. Javier Milei has that quality - every time he visits Israel, it's right before something very big happens."

The last time the Argentinian leader was in Israel was just before the June

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Preparations for Memorial Day at a military cemetery in Tel Aviv on Monday. Israel began marking Memorial Day on Monday evening. See story, Page 3.

Trump: Vance headed to talks; Tehran to join

Haaretz and Reuters

Amid vague confirmations by U.S. and Iran sources that delegations would attend another round of talks in Pakistan's capital, U.S. President Donald Trump warned that if a deal isn't reached by the end of the cease-fire, set to expire at 8:00 P.M. EST on Tuesday, "lots of bombs" will be dropped on Iran.

Trump said on Monday that U.S. Vice President JD Vance is traveling to Pakistan for peace talks with Iran and is set to land "within hours," as the New York Times reported a delegation of Iranian negotiators is preparing to depart for Islamabad, Pakistan, on Tuesday for peace talks with the United States, citing two Iranian officials.

According to the report, Iran's parliament speaker and top negotiator, Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, will attend the talks if U.S. Vice President JD Vance attends.

A senior Pakistani government official later told Reuters that the government is "confident" it can secure Iran's participation in the talks in Islamabad.

"We have received a positive signal from Iran. Things are fluid but we are trying that they should be here when we start the talks tomorrow or a day after," the source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Times report follows contradictory statements made by Trump and his administration throughout Monday regarding Vance's travel plans.

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Exposé: Shin Bet head is blocking indictment against MK Gotliv

Gidi Weitz

David Zini, the director of Israel's Shin Bet security agency, has been avoiding signing a confidentiality document for several weeks that is required for a pending indictment against Likud Knesset member Tally Gotliv. Defense Minister Israel Katz, another member of Likud, has himself delayed proceedings by many months.

In July, the State Prosecutor's Office announced its intention, subject to a pre-indictment hearing, to in-

dict Gotliv for violating the Shin Bet Law by disclosing the identity of a Shin Bet employee. The alleged criminal violation came when Gotliv wrote on social media that the husband of physicist Shikma Bressler worked at the Shin Bet. Bressler was one of the leaders of the mass protests in 2023 against the government's plan to undermine the independence of the country's judiciary.

Gotliv also spread a false conspiracy theory implying that Hamas' October 7 massacre in 2023 was made pos-

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sible by cooperation between activists in the anti-government protests and senior security establishment figures. The Knesset member shared a report on the "Edna Carnival" conspiracy website that American intelligence agencies had intercepted a conversation between

Bressler's husband and the leader of Hamas at the time, Yahya Sinwar. Bressler and her husband filed civil suits against Gotliv as a result.

Gotliv, who did not show up for interrogation in the case, also announced that she would not show up for the pre-indictment hearing. Any such indictment requires the defense minister to sign a confidentiality certificate to certify that Shin Bet personnel and their interrogation methods would

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Monday night's ceremony in Tel Aviv.

More Israelis and Palestinians now choose to grieve together

Linda Dayan

The last two and a half years have brought for Israelis and Palestinians an unending spiral of war and violence. In the best case the public debate is dominated by recognition of one side's pain at the expense of the other's, and in the worst by factionalism and calls for revenge.

But amid all this misery, a new trend has emerged: More and more people from

both sides are joining organizations and activities that bring Palestinians and Israelis together - and recognize the other side's humanity.

The 850-member Parents Circle - Families Forum, an organization of Israelis and Palestinians who lost family to the conflict, has been active for about 30 years. "In our grief and pain, we act together to change the reality, to stop the cycle of bloodshed and prevent other

families from becoming like ours," says Ayelet Harel, the Israeli co-executive director of the group.

As of Memorial Day eve on Monday, the Families Forum counts 150 new members since October 7, 2023 - two-thirds of them Israeli, one-third Palestinian. Harel says that this is exceptional; family members usually take time to process their grief before diverting it to

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Joshua Leifer

Will shift on Israel satisfy Democratic voters?

Rahm Emanuel is the walking embodiment of the Democratic Party establishment. He was an advisor in the Clinton administration (before parlaying that experience into a brief investment banking gig); an Illinois congressman and head of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee; White House chief of staff under U.S. President Barack Obama; mayor of Chicago; and, most recently, U.S. ambassador to Japan under President Joe Biden.

Emanuel is also, by most accounts, a 2028 presidential hopeful, positioning himself as a tough-talking, responsible liberal: not quite a moderate, but not an ideological progressive either.

His recent remarks about Israel on an episode of late-night TV host Bill Maher's show demonstrate just how much, and how rapidly, the Democratic establishment's position has shifted.

Emanuel told Maher this week that he opposes U.S. military aid to Israel and called for a rethinking of

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